Chinese intrusion into Arunachal Pradesh

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discussions have recently been held with the People's Republic of China on the question of Chinese intrusion into Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details and outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The matter was discussed by the Foreign Secretary with the Acting Chinese Premier, Wan Li and the Chinese Foreign Minister. Wu Xueqian, in Beijing in July 1986 and also at the Official Level Talks in Beijing at the same time. It was further discussed by the then External Affairs Minister Shri P. Shiv Shankar with the Chinese Foreign Minister in New York on September 18, 1986.

Indians hailing from J&K State detained in Pak. jails

797. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians hailing from Jammu and Kashmir State who are at present detained in Pakistani jails;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government of India for their early release and repatriation; and

(c) whether this issue was discussed at the recent Secretary level talks held between India and Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) It is estimated that 88 Indian nationals hailing from Jammu and Kashmir are at present detained in Pakistan jails.

(b) and (c) The question of repatriation of Indian civilian prisoners in Pakistani jails including the prisoners from Jammu and Kashmir has been taken up with Pakistan by the Government of India from time to time. This question was discussed at the Foreign Secretary level talks held between India and Pakistan in January 1986 and also subsequently during the 8th NAM Summit at Harare in September 1986.

Promotion of domestic Tourism in Rajasthan

798. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct cheap hotels in Rajasthan;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to promote tourism in Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to provide cheap accommodation at various places of tourist interest in Rajasthan so as to give a boost to domestic tourism?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) Several proposals for construction of Yatriniwases at selected tourist centres, and of Yatrikas at selected pilgrimage centres in Rajasthan are under consideration.